



# YPI COVID 19 POLICY

## 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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## COVID-19 SAFETY RESUME OF PLAY POLICY

**Everyone using the Hull YPI Tennis Club's courts must do so in accordance with government, LTA and Club guidelines as detailed below and in the posters on court. Please follow the rules and be aware that changes may occur at short notice. Always think of others, stay safe, stay alert and welcome #BackToTennis.**

Play will be limited to that defined under the strict guidelines for venues, coaches, and players as detailed by the LTA (see link at the end of this document). It is **ESSENTIAL** that all members and pay and play players follow the new rules to the letter as this will avoid the risk of further transmission of the COVID-19 infection, ensure that all members can play in a safe environment and allow the club to remain open.

Over the coming weeks, if the infection rates continue to fall, we hope that the LTA will be able to issue further guidelines that allow the scope of playing options to be extended, though the health and safety of our members is paramount so if further closures are required then we will of course act accordingly.

The Club will comply with the LTA's guidelines and will always consider safety first. We will also ensure that sufficient Covid 19 information will be provided to members, and that appropriate posters and signage are in place.

We will maintain strong communication links with all members ensuring they are kept up to date and achieve their full cooperation. A thorough risk assessment has been and will continue to be undertaken for the club and appropriate measures put in place to ensure all parties are protected.

### RULES FOR RESUMPTION OF TENNIS AT HULL YPI TENNIS CLUB – VALID FROM 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020

***Although we cannot guarantee the spread of COVID 19 at Hull YPI, like all other establishments, we can only use government advice and the LTA's guidelines. The spread of COVID 19 is very much down to the public and the following of rules and guidelines. Please see below Hull YPI's Rules and Guidelines. The full COVID 19 Policy can be found on our website.***

We appreciate that tennis is one of the few sports where social distancing rules can be relatively easily applied. For this reason, providing all members follow the rules which have been agreed by the club committee and which are based upon LTA guidelines, some tennis activities can resume under the following conditions.

#### Facilities

- All outdoor astro courts only will be open (grass courts will remain closed). The CODE to access the courts will be automatically advised in the booking confirmation email. Note that the code may be changed on a regular basis so please check your booking carefully. DO NOT give the court lock code out to others under any circumstances.
- Toilet facilities will be closed
- The Clubhouse will remain closed until further notice. Where Committee members and coach's that are required to enter the clubhouse must use appropriate PPE

located in entrance to clubhouse and ensure all surfaces are wiped down after touching.

- Nets will be maintained at the correct height to avoid players having to adjust them as net winders will be removed.
- All other equipment and items will be removed from the courts (benches, bins and score boards).
- Limited court booking, to allow for social distancing.
- Regular checks by committee members to ensure rules are being followed. This is being monitored and recorded.
- Please where possible try to avoid touching the net and net post.

## Health & Safety

- Please do not come to the club if you are showing signs of Covid 19.
- Players are advised to bring their own sanitisers. The Club have installed 2 antibacterial stands for players to use when entering and leaving the premises. These are located on the court and by the clubhouse.
- Avoid touching your face
- All common touch points will be cleaned on a weekly basis.
- A COVID 19 risk assessment has been produced and is reviewed regularly with any updates that are given.
- Please note that there will be no access to a first aider or first aid equipment during this time.
- ***Do not book a court or play if you are showing COVID-19 symptoms or self-isolating.***
- ***If YOU or SOMEBODY you have played with develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should be directed to follow the Government's 'test and trace' guidelines, which can be read on the Gov.uk website. Please also ensure you inform the club, so other players can be informed.***

## Court Access

- Measures are in place to minimise contact between people including in car parks and at entrances to court.
- Where safe and appropriate court gates will be kept unlocked for ease. However, if you are the last person leaving the court if you could please lock the gate using the padlock provided.
- Please arrive on the time of your booking. If you are early, please wait in the car park or in your car not on the club premises.

## Equipment

- Use your own clearly marked tennis balls, players are advised to use one set each.
- Players should bring own rackets.

## Bookings & Payments

- All members and pay and play can only play if you have booked your court time on Club Spark Booking system. Grass courts are currently unavailable. Players can book courts in advance via clubspark.
- All payment will be taken online. NO CASH will be taken on site.
- We are required to be provided with the names and contact details of players at the time of booking.

## Players

- Ensure you play on your allocated court for 1 hour ONLY to maintain social distancing.
- Stay at least 2 metres away from other players at all times including during play when taking breaks and before and after play.
- These should be alternated for serving with each player only touching their individual tennis balls.
- Avoid using your hands to pick up tennis balls that aren't yours – use a racket/foot to hit/kick them to your opponent or return to another court.
- Avoid chasing the ball down to another court if other players are using it
- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve. "CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT"
- Avoid touching your face
- Players are advised to bring their own sanitisers. The Club have installed 2 antibacterial stands for players to use when entering and leaving the premises. These are located on the court and by the clubhouse.
- Please arrive on the time of your booking. If you are early, please wait in the car park or in your car not on the club premises.
- MAXIMUM 4 people per court
- Avoid changing ends.
- Please use hand sanitising gels provided near the gate and clubhouse before and after your play.
- If you are the last players leaving, please lock main gate entrance gate with the padlock provided.

## Coaching

- At the present time, coaching is restricted to 1:1 or small groups of no more than 1:5. If you are interested in coaching please see our website for more details.

## Spectators

- Spectators are actively discouraged.
- Where attendance of parent or guardian or a carer for a disabled player is required this should be limited to 1 per player, with social distancing strictly observed.

## Important information

If you or anyone in your family is unwell or self-isolating, then you MUST NOT attend the club under any circumstance.

Anyone found to be in breach of these rules *Hull YPI reserves the right to ask players to leave premises or close facilities if these measures are not respected.*

These rules will be subject to regular review and updates as the COVID-19 situation and government/LTA guidance changes.

If you see anybody failing to follow COVID 19 guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact us, with the date, time and court number.

## Thankyou

*As a small self-funded tennis club we are eager to get players back on court and enjoying tennis. However, everybody's health and the safety at our club is our main priority.*

*We thank you for your cooperation in these hard times.*

***If you have any concerns regarding COVID 19 at Hull YPI tennis Club, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are doing our best in these difficult times.***

## Important links

<https://www.lta.org.uk/coronavirus> <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

[\*\*https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus\*\*](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

<https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/news/2020/lta-guidance-for-tennis-venues---covid-19.pdf>

<https://www.itftennis.com/media/3446/return-to-tennis-guidelines-eng.pdf>



## Risk Assessment – COVID-19

Name of Venue: Hull YPI Tennis Club		Name of Risk Assessor: Bethany Dove		Date of Risk Assessment: 13/05/2020		
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<p>Staff, member, players and visitors to your courts.</p> <p>Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions.</p> <p>Anyone else who physically comes in contact with other people in relation to your business</p>	<p>Hand Washing Members will be required to wash their hands with a Gel sanitiser before opening the gate and again after locking the gate. Where possible players will need to provide their own gel sanitiser. However, there is 2 stands available (one on court and one outside the clubhouse).</p>	<p>Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – Follow Catch it, Bin it, Kill it and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Tissues will need to be brought by each playing member.</p> <p>To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the <a href="#">public health advice</a>.</p> <p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display.</p>	<p>All parties on site (coach's committee members, players and spectators).</p>	<p>Each visit</p>	
		<p>Cleaning Gate and locks to be wiped down.</p> <p>Remove unnecessary site furniture or close such as benches, bins and winder handles.</p>		<p>All parties on site (coach's committee members, players and spectators).</p>	<p>Weekly Each visit</p> <p>Before re-opening of club</p>	

		<p>Courts Play is limited to 4 players per court.</p> <p>Players must wait in a car where possible or outside the courts maintaining social distancing and only enter when the courts have been vacated by the previous users</p> <p>Social distancing of a minimum of 2 m must be observed at all times.</p>		<p>All parties on site (coach's committee members, players and spectators).</p>	<p>Each visit</p>	
		<p>Balls If playing with a member from outside the household only the person bringing the balls should touch them. Each ball should be clearly marked to avoid accidental cross over of balls.</p> <p>Equipment Please avoid bringing excessive equipment onto the court where possible to minimise risk.</p> <p>Rackets should not be shared and each player is to bring his own equipment.</p>		<p>All parties on site (coach's committee members, players and spectators).</p>	<p>Each visit</p>	



		Closure of Clubhouse/cabin	Access only for key holders for maintenance and cleaning. Signage in place and key holders informed.			
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